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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Yang, Yinong

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For: Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase  
And Methods for Use to Enhance Biotic  
And Abiotic Stress Tolerance in Plants

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir

Please find attached a Supplement to the Declaration of Yinong Yang, Ph.D. ("Yang Declaration") filed on September 15, 2007 because the declaration failed to establish that the declaration was being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.131. Also, please note the supplemental declaration establishes that the above referenced invention was completed prior to 2002 (see Yang Suppl. Decl. ¶3). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131, an invention is completed when the invention was successfully tested in its intended environment or conceived by the inventor prior to the date of the prior art reference and the inventor was diligent in reducing the invention to practice from a time just prior to the effective date of the reference (see Yang Suppl. Decl. ¶¶4-9) .